

Mr. Joyal: It will be the other way...

Mr. Peters: To a national organization?

Mr. Joyal: It would be the other way around I believe. The provisions of Section 12 only apply to what will be the newly created group called the French-speaking Association and it gives them identical powers with respect to properties held in trust as has already been provided for the Boy Scouts of Canada.

Mr. Peters: Do they not have any property now?

Mr. Joyal: Oh, yes. Perhaps Mr. Tellier or Mr. Dionne could answer that question?

The Vice-Chairman: In other words, what happens to property already held to uses under the charter?

Mr. Pierre Dionne, (General Secretary, Catholic Scouts of Canada): The french-speaking Boy Scouts organization has a charter, an old charter dated back to 1935 of the Province of Quebec and the national organization is temporarily using this provincial charter for holding properties. Once this bill is passed the old La Fédération des Scouts Catholiques de la Province de Québec as it is called, will sell the properties for \$1.00 and so on and so forth to l'Association des Scouts du Canada.

The Vice-Chairman: They will transfer whatever they are holding to uses now into this common carrier sort of?

Mr. Dionne: Yes.

The Vice-Chairman: It will be merger?

Mr. Dionne: Yes. Legally right now only this provincial charter has permitted the French association to own buildings, lands and everything else.

The Vice-Chairman: Okay.

Mr. Peters: Yes, that is fine.

Clauses 11 to 18 inclusive agreed to.

The Chairman: Mr. Otto?

Mr. Otto: I do not want to hold up this act but I would like to explain to the Committee

that taking Mr. Joyal's rationalization that the Boy Scouts would like this to be under statutes because of the aura of respectability or the antiquity that goes with the House of Commons or the Parliamentary statute, we must then remember that all associations, practically all of the nonprofit associations will come to us and it is going to be very difficult to deny any of them, whether it be a league for women or a league for crippled civilians or any one of them, to come before this House and Parliament and be a parliamentary statutory corporation. I only mention this because it seems to me that if we do—and I have no objection to having these clauses carried except to indicate to you, Mr. Chairman—we are going to be involved in a great deal of work respecting these nonprofit organizations. With great respect, I submit that over a period of time possibly all the nonprofit corporations will be before the House and all the profit corporation will probably be before the administrative bodies. So I am just mentioning that it is going to be very difficult for us to deny anybody a statutory corporation on a nonprofit basis, but I have no objection to this one carrying.

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The Vice-Chairman: Gentlemen, Mr. Otto's point I think is well taken but it is probably at the moment irrelevant to the passing of this bill. The only thing I can say, Mr. Joyal and Mr. Ross is that you heard what he said and I, personally, think he is probably right. Now that you are about to be married, you can determine what your feature is to be with respect to the subject matter of Mr. Otto's remarks. However, that is something I think that you have to decide.

Title agreed to.

The Vice-Chairman: Shall I report the Bill?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Hymmen: I move that we report both bills to the House as the Committee's fifth Report, without amendments?

Agreed to.

The Vice-Chairman: Thank you very much gentlemen. The meeting is adjourned to the call of the Chair.